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SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST WEEKLY LANE CLOSURES AND WORK ZONE ADVISORY

FORT LAUDERDALE — [Florida's Turnpike](#) announces updated lane closures and work zones due to construction and maintenance projects in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties, for the week beginning Sunday, Nov. 22.

Regularly scheduled construction and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended as follows for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend: 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, to 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30.

Motorists should expect heavy congestion at the mainline toll plazas on the busiest travel days, and be prepared for sudden, intermittent stops, especially near the Leesburg (Milepost 288), Three Lakes (Milepost 236) and Lake Worth/Lantana (Milepost 88) mainline toll plazas. Traffic volumes may increase between 50-75 percent at these three toll plazas on the peak travel days. Motorists should also be alert for congestion and possible backups at the Turnpike's interchange with northbound I-75 in Sumter County on Wednesday and southbound on Sunday.

Limited parking and delays can be expected at the Fort Pierce (Milepost 144) and Fort Drum (Milepost 184) service plazas, and FHP troopers will be on hand to help guide traffic.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES – SW 216th ST. TO EUREKA DR. (EXITS 11-13)

- One or two **northbound or southbound** Turnpike lanes may be closed nightly at various locations between Southwest 216th Street and Eureka Drive/Southwest 184th Street between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- **U.S. 1/Dixie Highway** – One or two lanes in each direction may be closed nightly at the Turnpike interchange between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- **Caribbean Boulevard** – The **eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes** at the Turnpike interchange will remain **closed 24/7 through Tuesday, Nov. 24.**

- **DETOURS:** *Eastbound traffic* wishing to turn left to get to Southwest 107th Avenue should take the Turnpike frontage road south to Southwest 211th Street/Cutler Ridge Drive, go east and then take the northbound frontage straight to Southwest 107th Avenue. *Westbound traffic* wishing to turn left to access southbound Florida's Turnpike should continue heading west to U.S. 1, go south to Allapattah Road, east to Southwest 211th Street and enter the southbound Turnpike.
- **Southwest 211th Street** – One lane in each direction may be closed nightly between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24, and between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23-24.
- **Northbound Turnpike exit to Quail Roost Drive and Eureka Drive** – Closed nightly between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
 - **DETOUR:** Traffic should exit at Southwest 211th Street, take the Turnpike frontage road north to Southwest 107th Avenue, take U.S. 1 north to Marlin Road and head west to either Quail Roost Drive or to Eureka Drive.
- **Quail Roost Drive** – One lane in each direction may be closed nightly between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24, and between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23-24.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Turnpike will be widened from four lanes to six, eight and 10 lanes. Express lanes, similar to those on I-95, will be constructed. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas on the east side of the Turnpike. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, signage and traffic signal improvements on local roads. Construction began in August 2013 and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2016. Approximate cost: \$41.6 million.

TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES – EUREKA DRIVE TO KILLIAN PARKWAY

- **One or two Turnpike lanes in each direction between Southwest 104th Street/Killian Parkway and Southwest 184th Street/Eureka Drive may be closed** nightly between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24. A third lane in either direction may be closed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., if needed. At least one lane in each direction will remain open at all times.
- **Northbound Turnpike entrance from Southwest 120th Street – May be closed** nightly as needed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
 - **DETOUR:** Traffic will be detoured through the Snapper Creek service plaza.
- **Southwest 117th Avenue** – One lane in either direction at the Turnpike interchange may be closed between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23-24.
- **Northbound and southbound Turnpike frontage road** – One lane in either direction between Southwest 152nd Street and Southwest 117th Avenue may be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23-24.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Turnpike will be widened to eight and 12 lanes, and express lanes, similar to those on I-95, will be added. The Turnpike/S.R. 874 interchange will be realigned. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, landscaping, signage and

traffic signal improvements on local roads. Construction began in March 2014 and is scheduled for completion in early 2017. Approximate cost: \$145.3 million.

TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES – KILLIAN PARKWAY TO SUNSET DRIVE

- ***No lane closures are scheduled.***

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Turnpike will be widened from six to 10 lanes, including express lanes similar to those on I-95. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas. The Turnpike on-ramps at Kendall Drive will be reconfigured. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, signage and traffic signal improvements on local roads. Construction began in May 2015 and will continue through early 2018. Approximate cost: \$73.9 million.

TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES – SUNSET DRIVE TO BIRD ROAD

- ***No lane closures are scheduled.***

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Turnpike will be widened from six to 10 lanes, including express lanes similar to those on I-95. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas. The project entails major improvements at the Bird Road interchange. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, signage and traffic signal improvements. Construction began in July 2015 and will continue through early 2018. Approximate cost: \$54.4 million.

TURNPIKE TOLL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE – MILEPOST 31

- One lane may be closed nightly on the ***northbound Turnpike on-ramp from Northwest 74th Street*** between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.

MDX SIGN WORK – MILEPOST 27-28

- The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) will close ***one southbound Turnpike lane*** at various locations near Northwest 25th Street and Northwest 41st Street between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. for up to three nights beginning Sunday, Nov. 22, for roadway sign work.

I-95 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION – GOLDEN GLADES

- ***Southbound I-95 ramp to Florida's Turnpike and westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway*** – Will be closed and a detour will be in place Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
 - DETOUR: Traffic can exit at NE 183 Street/Miami Gardens Drive and turn west; turn south onto S.R. 7/U.S. 441/NW 2 Ave; turn west onto NW 7 Avenue Extension for the on ramp to Florida's Turnpike or continue on NW 7 Avenue Extension, which becomes westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.
- ***Eastbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway and Florida's Turnpike exit to southbound I-95*** – Will be closed and a detour will be in place Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

- DETOUR: Eastbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway and Florida's Turnpike commuters who wish to access the connector ramp to southbound I-95 can exit at S.R. 7/U.S. 441/NW 7 Avenue; turn south onto NW 7 Avenue; continue south and turn east onto NW 151 Street for southbound I-95.
- **Northbound I-95 ramp to Florida's Turnpike and westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway** – Will be closed and a detour will be in Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
 - DETOUR: Northbound I-95 commuters who wish to access the connector ramp to westbound S.R. 826/ Palmetto Expressway and Florida's Turnpike can exit at S.R. 7/U.S. 441/NW 2 Avenue; continue north on S.R. 7; turn west onto NW 7 Avenue Extension for the entrance ramp to Florida's Turnpike or stay on NW 7 Avenue Extension, which becomes westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 Office is conducting a pavement rehabilitation project on I-95. For project information contact Sergies Duarte at Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us.

BROWARD COUNTY

TURNPIKE ALL-ELECTRONIC TOLLING CONVERSION – HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD & GRIFFIN ROAD

- **Northbound Turnpike entrance from Griffin Road – Closed nightly as needed** from 9 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
 - DETOUR: Traffic should take Griffin Road or Orange drive east to U.S. 441, go north to I-595 and then take the northbound Turnpike on-ramp.
- **Southbound Turnpike (SunPass-only) exit to westbound Pines Boulevard (Exit 49A) – Closed nightly** as needed between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
 - DETOUR: Traffic should exit at Hollywood Boulevard (Exit 49B).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: All-electronic tolling gantries will be constructed to replace the ramp toll plazas at the Turnpike's Hollywood/Pines Boulevard and Griffin Road interchanges. All-electronic tolling was implemented on Aug. 29, 2015. One existing toll lane will be converted to a SunPass-only lane at the Northwest 199th Street/Dolphin Center toll plaza in Miami-Dade. The project also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing at the Northwest 199th Street/Dolphin Center and County Line Road interchange ramps. Approximate cost: \$10.6 million.

TURNPIKE & SUNRISE BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE MODIFICATIONS

- **On Sunrise Boulevard**
 - **One lane eastbound and westbound may be closed daily** between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Monday, Nov. 23, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- **On Florida's Turnpike**
 - **The northbound exit ramp from Florida's Turnpike to Sunrise Boulevard will be** closed nightly between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. from Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.

DETOUR – Northbound motorists should exit at Commercial Boulevard and travel east to SR 7, then south to Sunrise Boulevard.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike is modifying and improving the interchange with Sunrise Boulevard, and implementing All-Electronic Tolling at the interchange. It is anticipated that the project will cost \$50 million and work will continue through late 2019.

TURNPIKE MAINTENANCE

- **North of Pompano Beach Service Plaza (Milepost 65)** – Up to two of three northbound lanes will be closed **nightly** from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- **Bridge over Sawgrass Expressway (Milepost 71)** – Up to two of three southbound lanes will be closed **nightly** from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24.

75-EXPRESS CONSTRUCTION

- One lane of the **ramp from southbound I-75 to southbound Florida's Turnpike** will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- One lane on **the northbound Turnpike exit to I-75** will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- One **northbound** lane **and** one **southbound** lane **on Florida's Turnpike**, north and south of I-75 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Nov. 24.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Florida Department of Transportation is implementing express lanes along 28 miles of the I-75 and State Road (SR) 826 (Palmetto Expressway) corridors, from just south of the SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway), in Miami-Dade County, to I-595 in Broward County. Visit the [75-Express website](#) for project information or contact Fiorella Alvarez at fiorella@iscprgroup.com.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

PORT ST. LUCIE/FORT PIERCE SERVICE PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION – (MILEPOST 144)

- **E85 fuel is available ONLY at the northbound fueling island.** Temporarily, E85 fuel cannot be dispensed at the southbound fueling island, but southbound traffic may instead use the northbound fueling island. The Fort Drum Service Plaza (Milepost 184) and West Palm Beach Service Plaza (Milepost 94) offer alternative fueling stops for southbound traffic.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The \$21 million project to renovate and reconstruct the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza includes a 40,000-square-foot restaurant building; 3,500-square-foot convenience store and fueling pumps; and expanded truck parking.

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